



HIGHER GROUND  
CALVARY CHAPEL

# SCHOOL OF MINISTRY

SPIRITUAL WARFARE

Class 03

The Forces of the Enemy

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We spent our last session  
speaking of Satan  
Who he is  
Where he came from  
How he operates

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In this session we are going to  
look at Satan's forces  
This would be Angels [Fallen]  
And demons

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We are going to begin our session looking at Angels in general

This would be those who still serve God

And those who rebelled and are called "Fallen Angels"

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Let's clear up one important point

We do not become Angels when we die

We become spirits/spirit beings

But we do not become Angels

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Angels are part of the Heavenly Host

They were created to serve God

They live in Heaven or the Spirit Realm

They were never human

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We do not spend all eternity  
playing harps  
Angels do not spend all eternity  
playing harps  
Some Angels do worship and  
praise God  
We will worship and praise God

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But there are other activities  
taking place in Heaven  
We will not live on clouds  
Jesus has prepared a place for  
us  
There will be a New Heaven  
and a New Earth

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So let's begin our discussion of  
Angels  
We will conduct a discussion  
and study of demons after our  
discussion on Angels

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Contrary to popular opinion  
They are not the same thing  
Angels are spirit beings with  
spiritual bodies  
Demons have no bodies and  
are referred to as disembodied  
spirits

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We know from Revelation that  
one-third of the Angels in  
Heaven joined Satan's  
rebellion  
There are two references in  
Revelation Chapter Twelve

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Revelation 12:3 – 4:  
“And there appeared another  
wonder in Heaven; and behold  
a great red dragon, having  
seven heads and ten horns,  
and seven crowns upon his  
heads...

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“...And his tail drew the third part of the stars of Heaven, and did cast them to the earth: and the dragon stood before the woman which was ready to be delivered, for to devour her child as soon as it was born.”

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The woman was the nation of Israel  
The child she gave birth to was Jesus the Messiah  
Satan tried to kill Jesus when He was three years old  
Herod ordered the death of all males babies in Bethlehem

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We then see more detail of the event in Revelation 12:7 – 9:  
“And there was war in Heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels...”

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“...And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in Heaven.

And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceived the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.”

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One-third of the angels in Heaven were driven out and cast down to the earth as a result of Satan’s efforts to overthrow God and take His throne

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So the Fallen Angels are actual Angels

They would have all the powers and abilities of the other Angels

To understand what this means, let’s look at Angels...

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We are going to be discussing  
Biblical Angels

We are not dealing with:

Hollywood Angels

Fantasy Angels

Valentine Angels; or

Mythical Angels

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These are REAL Angels

These Angels actually exist

They were created by God/Jesus

They are part of the Spirit Realm

Or what Chuck Missler calls the  
*Metacosm*

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The Bible describes them as:

Being personal beings

They have intellect

They have emotions

They have Will

They make choices

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They are spirit beings  
Not that they are spirits;  
But they have spiritual bodies  
These bodies can appear in  
our dimension  
They can touch, hold and be  
part of our world

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They have the ability to alter their  
spirit bodies. Jude 1:6:  
“And the angels which kept not  
their first estate, but left their own  
habitation, He has reserved in  
everlasting chains, under  
darkness unto the judgment of  
the great day.”

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The word “estate” is the Greek  
word “arche” [ar-kha]  
It is normally translated as  
“beginning”  
But it can refer to the original  
version of an item  
As it was in the beginning

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The word “habitation” is the Greek word “oiketerion” [oi-ka-ta-re-on]

It is used only twice in the New Testament

It is found here in Jude 9:6

And in II Corinthians 5:2:

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“For in this we groan earnestly desiring to be clothed upon with our house [oikaterion] which is from Heaven”

Paul is speaking of the spirit bodies we will have in Heaven

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There were Angels [sons of God] who changed the way that they were originally made and left these kind of spirit bodies behind in order to marry and reproduce with the daughters of men [Genesis 6:2]

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Jesus noted that the Angels in Heaven “neither marry nor are given in marriage” [Mark 12:25]

This is the actual wording

People misinterpret this and claim that Angels cannot reproduce

That is not the same thing

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In the Book of Enoch, Enoch is summoned by these Angels in chains beneath the mountains

They ask him to plead their cause before God

God is going to destroy their children [Nephilim] (The Flood)

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They note that they are not allowed to reproduce

Because they are immortal; they are forbidden to reproduce

That is something God has given to humans

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Angels have "locality"

This means that they can only exist in one place at one time

Each time they appear, they appear as male

There is no female Angel mentioned in the Bible

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They are less than God

They are not omnipresent

They are not omniscient

They are not all powerful

These traits apply only to God

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Angels have the same physical structure as humans

One head, two eyes, two ears, one nose, one mouth

They have two arms and two legs

Two hands and two feet

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Not all Angels have wings  
There are only two kinds of angels described as having wings:  
Cherubim – four wings  
Seraphim – six wings  
Gabriel and Michael – no wings

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Angels can exist in the Spirit Realm and perform functions in our dimension [II Kings 6]  
They can be seen by some and not by others

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Their position is less than Jesus and above humans  
With the Resurrection, humans in their spirit bodies will be above Angels

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Hebrews 2:9:

“But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honor; that He by the grace of God should taste death for every man.”

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Psalms 8:5:

“For You have made Him a little lower than the angels, and have crowned Him with glory and honor.”

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We – believers – will judge Angels I Corinthians 6:3:

“Know you not that we shall judge angels? How much more [the] things that pertain to this life?”

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It is believed that this is referring to our judging Fallen Angels – possibly during the Millennium when we reign with Jesus.

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Angels are immortal spirit beings  
They do not die  
They do not get sick  
They cannot be injured

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They can, however, be bound  
They can be confined to the Abyss and to the Lake of Fire  
They can feel pain

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They have physical reality  
They can indulge in combat

Revelation 12:7:

“And there was war in Heaven  
and Michael and his angels  
fought against the dragon...  
fought and his angels.”

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One Angel is reported to have  
killed 185,000 men in one night  
[II Kings 19:35]

They will be involved in the final  
judgment

Parable of the Net Matt 13:47

Parable of the Tares Matt 13:24

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There is debate over whether  
or not they eat

I suspect that they can eat and  
might eat in the Kingdom

But when on assignment they  
do not eat

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Judges 13:16:

“And the angel of the Lord said unto Manoah [Samson’s father] “Though you detain me, I will not eat your bread, and if you will offer a burnt offering, you must offer it unto the Lord...”

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This is another important point  
They will not accept praise or worship  
Only God is to be worshiped

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Revelation 19:10:

“And I fell at his feet to worship him, and he said unto me, ‘See you do it not: I am your fellow servant, and of your brethren that have the testimony of Jesus; worship God for the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.’”

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We see them throughout  
Revelation blowing trumpets  
and pouring forth bowls of  
wrath  
They fly through the heavens  
declaring woes and warnings

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What is their purpose?  
The word “angel” means  
messenger  
They deliver messages from  
God

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Hebrews 1:14:  
“Are they not all ministering  
spirits, sent forth to minister to  
those who shall be heirs of  
salvation?”

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In this capacity, they are there to help us  
Both before and after we are saved

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Are there Guardian Angels?  
Psalm 91:11 – 12:  
“For He shall give His angels charge over you, to keep you in all your ways  
They shall bear you up in their hands, lest you dash your foot on a stone.”

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This is the verse that Satan misquoted to Jesus during the Temptation  
Jesus’ response was that we should not “tempt the Lord our God.”

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This has been re-translated to read:

“You shall not put God to a foolish test”

We are protected

But we should not deliberately put ourselves in danger

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There must be some kind of spiritual protection and limitation on Satan and his forces before we are saved

Otherwise, Satan and his forces would just kill everyone before they are saved or who are not going to be saved

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So Angels are charged with “ministering unto us”

They can guide us Matt 1:20

They can protect us Daniel 6:22

They can encourage and strengthen us:

Jesus after Temptation

Jesus in Garden

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Can Satan, Angels Demons  
read our minds or know the  
future?

No!

Only God can do this

So how do they appear to do  
this?

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Consider that Satan, Angels and  
Demons are thousands of years  
old

They have become very  
experienced in reading Body  
Language

Increased heart rate, breathing,  
eye movement, muscles, focus

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They dwell in the unseen realm  
They have watched you for your  
entire life

They know you and how you  
react and respond

They know where you are weak

They know where you are  
strong

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They know what is happening  
all around the world  
They communicate with each  
other  
This is how mediums know  
things no one else can know  
They were there

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They can be aware of things  
taking place in the Spirit  
Realm such as God moving  
His forces into a certain area  
They know what is taking  
place behind closed doors  
They manipulate people

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All of this can give the  
appearance that they can read  
your thoughts  
They can make you think that  
they know the future  
They only know what God  
reveals in prophecy

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There is a hierarchy to Angels  
The most powerful are  
Archangels Jude 1:9  
Chief Princes Daniel 10:13  
Cherubim – Genesis 3:22 – 24  
Seraphim – Isaiah 6:1 – 2  
Living Creatures Ezekiel 1 also  
Revelation 4:6 - 9

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There are times in the Old  
Testament where Jesus  
assumed the task of delivering  
a message for God  
When He did this, He assumed  
a human-like form  
He was referred to as The/An  
Angel of the Lord

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How do we know the  
difference?  
Keep in mind that an Angel will  
never receive worship or praise  
This is reserved only for God  
Jesus, as an Angel, will receive  
worship and praise

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Pay attention to how the Angel speaks or how the message is delivered

Does the Angel speak as if He were God?

Is the Angel quoting God?

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THE ANGEL OF THE LORD

First appeared to Hagar  
Genesis 16: 7 – 14

Appeared to Abraham  
Genesis 18:1

At Sacrifice of Isaac  
Genesis 22:11 - 12

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Appeared to Jacob  
Genesis 31:1 – 13

Wrestled with Jacob  
Genesis 32:24 – 30

Appeared to Moses in the  
burning bush Exodus 3:2

Jesus: the "I AM" John 8:58

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Appeared unto Balaam and donkey Numbers 22:22  
Appeared to Joshua  
Joshua 5:13 – 15  
Was the Pillar of Fire and Cloud by day leading the Children of Israel in Wilderness  
Exodus 14:19

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Now let me share my interpretation of Genesis 18 and 19 [Sodom]  
Genesis 18:1 makes it clear that the Lord appeared unto Abraham  
But they were as three men

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Scholars claim it was God [Jesus] and two Angels  
Genesis 19:1 refers to them as two Angels  
I am going to propose that this was God the Father and Jesus and the Holy Spirit all in human form

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Note that all three ate the food  
Abraham prepared

In Genesis 19:2 Lot bows  
down to the two Angels  
[worshipping them]

They accepted this worship

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God told Abraham that He was  
going down to visit Sodom  
Yet the account has the two  
Angels coming to Sodom, not  
God

In Genesis 19:21 – 22 the  
Angels are speaking as if they  
were God, not on His behalf

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There are only three Angels  
mentioned by name in the  
Bible:

Michael

Gabriel

Lucifer [Satan]

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Michael is referred to as the archangel in Jude 1:9  
This seems to be the highest level  
He is a military leader and engages in battle

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Revelation 12:7 he leads God's Angels against Satan and his forces  
In Jude 1:9 he is contending with Satan over the body of Moses  
Daniel 10:13, 21 comes to help Gabriel

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Daniel 12:1 he will stand for the Children of Israel during the Tribulation  
He is identified as a "Prince" in Daniel 10:21

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Gabriel is not identified by rank  
Some assume that he is an  
archangel, but the Bible does  
not teach this  
He is God's messenger –  
especially with relation to the  
Messiah

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Daniel 9:21 – 27 has Gabriel  
delivering the Prophecy of the  
70 Weeks  
Identified the exact day  
Messiah will be revealed  
Luke 1:19 Gabriel announced  
birth of John, Jesus' forerunner

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Luke 1:26 Gabriel announced  
birth of Jesus to Mary

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Now it appears that the Fallen Angels are set over countries or empires

Daniel 10:13 – the Prince of the King of Persia

Daniel 10:20 – Prince of the King of Greece

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The forces of Satan appear to live in the air Ephesians 2:2:  
“Wherein in time past you walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now works in the children of disobedience”

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Scholars suggest that this is why God did not declare the Firmament “good” during the Creation

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When you mention Cherubim  
we automatically pull up this  
image of a chubby baby Angel  
This is because of Classic Art  
and Hollywood  
A Cherubim is nothing like this

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The Angels on the Mercy Seat  
are called Cherubim  
I Chronicles 13:6:  
“And David went up, and all  
Israel...to bring up... the ark of  
God the Lord, who dwells  
between the cherubims,  
whose name is called on it.”

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God place Cherubim to wield a  
flaming sword to guard Eden  
Genesis 3:24:  
“So He drove out the man; and He  
placed at the east of the Garden  
of Eden Cherubim, and a flaming  
sword which turned every way, to  
keep the way of the Tree of Life.”

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The Seraphim appear to be those Heavenly Host who protect the throne of God and declare His glory

We seen them in Isaiah 6:2 -3:

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“Above it stood the seraphim; each one had six wings; with two he covered his face; with two he covered his feet; and with two he did fly.

And one cried unto another and said, ‘Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts...’

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Now there is debate as to how to classify another kind of Heavenly Host

In Ezekiel 1:5 they are called “Living Creatures”

In Revelation 4:6 they are mistranslated as “four beasts”

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Ezekiel Chapter One is difficult to properly interpret  
Ezekiel One is Ezekiel's calling by God  
It is similar to Isaiah's calling by God in Isaiah Chapter Six

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However, it appears that Ezekiel is seeing a more elaborate depiction of the Spirit Realm than Isaiah  
Both are seeing the throne of God  
But Ezekiel sees a man on the throne of God [Jesus]

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The Living Creatures seem connected to the throne of God in both Ezekiel and Revelation  
They have four faces:  
Face of a lion  
Face of an ox  
Face of a man  
Face of an eagle

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This was pictured in the camp of the Children of Israel

The Ark was in the center:

Banner of a lion [Judah]

Banner of an ox [Ephraim]

Banner of a man [Reuben]

Banner of an eagle [Dan]

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This is repeated in the Four Gospels

The authors depicted Jesus:

The Lion of Judah [Matthew]

Beast of burden: ox [Mark]

The perfect man [Luke]

God: eagle [John]

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They have 4 wings Ezekiel 1:23:

“And under the firmament were their wings straight, the one toward the other, every one had two which covered in this side; and every one had two that covered on that side of their bodies.”

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However, in Revelation 4:8 these beasts have six wings like a Seraphim

“And the four beasts had each of them six wings, and they were full of eyes within, and they rested not day and night saying, ‘Holy, Holy, Holy...’”

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So there might be some crossing over between the Seraphim and the Cherubim

Note: the Cherubim on the Mercy Seat only have two wings

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Now demons are different

We only see them in the service of Satan

They are described as disembodied spirits – spirits that have no bodies

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The Bible does not give us any origin of demons

But there is a theory

In Genesis 6:2 we have this:

“That the sons of God saw the daughters of men that they were fair and took them wives of all which they chose.”

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We’ve discuss how a normal Angel in its original form could not reproduce with humans

But Jude 1:6 tells us that some Angels altered their bodies in order to make reproduction possible

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Genesis 6:4:

“There were giants in the earth in those days and also after that, when the sons of God came in unto the daughters of men, and they bare children to them, the same became mighty men which were of old, men of renown.”

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Here is one theory concerning the demons

This group believes that the demons are the souls of the Nephilim [giants]

When the Flood came, the Nephilim were destroyed

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Genesis 6:11 refers to all the earth being corrupt

This group suggests that this is referring to the entire race having their DNA altered into Nephilim DNA and that Noah and his family were the only humans left

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According to this theory, the Nephilim souls would not be human souls

God had made provision for human souls in anticipation of the coming of Jesus to redeem the human race

Leviticus 25:25: The Kinsman Redeemer

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Human souls went to the Bosom of Abraham if they believed the Messiah would come

Human souls went to Sheol [Hell] if they did not believe the Messiah would come

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As there was no provision for Nephilim souls and they could not be saved since Jesus would redeem the human race and not the Nephilim race, these souls had no place to go

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Not having bodies, they sought out physical bodies they could inhabit/possess in order to interact with the physical world  
When they were cast out, the demons mentioned the Abyss to Jesus

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They did not want to be cast into the Abyss “before their time”

The Abyss is the Bottomless Pit beneath the sea

This is where demons and Fallen Angels are imprisoned

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This explains what is being referred to in Revelation 20:13:

“And the sea gave up the dead which were in it, and death and hell gave up the dead which were in them, and they were all judged every man according to his works.”

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If the sea is referring to the Abyss

And this is where Fallen Angels are imprisoned; then these would not be dead because Angels cannot die  
It might be referring to demons

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Again, this is speculation and theories based upon various passages

We do not know for sure what demons are or where they came from

But this does fit with Scripture

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Demons are disembodied spirits

They have the ability to inhabit bodies

This is where possession comes in

These disembodied spirits take over the body

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In the body they have access to the physical world

Since these disembodied spirits have no mass

Multiple demons can inhabit a single person

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It is reported that Mary  
Magdalene had seven demons  
in her before she was saved  
The possessed man in  
Gennesaret had so many  
demons in him that he referred  
to them as "Legion"

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Demons inside a person can  
give them great strength as  
the man in Gennesaret  
They gave one girl the spirit of  
prophecy [but not like God's  
prophets]  
They cripple people

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They try to injury people as the  
boy who kept being thrown  
into fire and water  
Jesus gave His followers  
power over the demons in  
order to bind them and to cast  
them out

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This is done "In the name of Jesus"  
But we see in Act 19:13 – 16 that  
before we have power over demons  
in Jesus' name, we must be  
believers  
There is no evidence of a demon  
being able to possess a believer  
The Holy Spirit is living in them

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Now one last discussion  
Let's talk about Ghosts for a  
moment  
They seem to fall under  
something similar to demons  
as disembodied spirits

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Satan's major weapon is  
deception  
He seeks to deceive us  
When dealing with ghosts and  
mediums they appear like our  
loved ones  
They know things about our  
loved ones

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But they are NOT our loved ones  
They are impersonators  
As we mentioned before,  
demons and Fallen Angels  
have observed each of us all  
of our lives

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They know things about each  
one of us that no one else can  
know through natural means  
or sources  
Just because they know  
something does not prove that  
they are our loved ones

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They try to deceive us  
They try to get us to trust them  
They want to lead us away  
from God  
King Saul sought to contact  
the spirit of Samuel after  
Samuel died

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He used a witch and she made contact  
God brought Samuel forth from the Bosom of Abraham to judge Saul for his actions  
King Saul died in battle the next day

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The witch was freaked out because she knew she had actually contacted the spirit of Samuel  
She was not expecting to do this  
She was used to demons

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God judged King Saul for using a witch [medium] in order to contact the dead  
That should make it clear that we should not do this  
Stay Away!

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# QUESTIONS



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